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Army awards contract to begin igloo filter installation

PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT, Colo. — The Army has awarded a \$1.3 million contract to Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), McLean, Virginia, who awarded a subcontract to install sets of filters on each chemical storage igloo, to a Pueblo, Colorado company, MASS Services and Supply.

MASS Services and Supply will begin installation operations of the approximately 200 filter components on the venting stack and igloo door of all Pueblo Chemical Depot igloos containing stored chemical munitions later this month.

"The Army is committed to the safety of our workforce and this community," said Lt. Col. Rob Wittig, depot commander. "This is just another step in our progress towards the end of the chemical stockpile mission here in Pueblo."

The Army made the decision to install filters this spring in a cooperative agreement with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

"The project is scheduled to be completed before next spring. Depot personnel will be involved in all aspects of this project to ensure the work is accomplished in a safe and secure manner," said Paul Ryall, depot engineer.

The filter sets were originally installed on chemical storage igloos at Umatilla Chemical Depot, Umatilla, Oregon, and are currently arriving at the depot in multiple sets via truck transport.

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The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) with headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., stores the nation's aging chemical weapons and develops programs aimed at effectively treating and ultimately eliminating chemical warfare materiel. For more information about CMA and its programs, visit www.cma.army.mil.

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An empty non-chemical storage igloo (C903) was used to install the first set of filters to determine cost estimates for the contract. The filter is installed on the inside of the door and on to the venting stack above the igloo. *U.S. Army photo*